



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

San Francisco Bay Region



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS NOTICE OF FILING A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

For the Proposed Amendment to the
Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) will consider for adoption an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan). The proposed amendment would:

- Establish a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and numeric targets for pathogens (fecal coliform) in Tomales Bay and its tributaries and an implementation plan to achieve and support the Total Maximum Daily Load.

Action on the proposed amendment will be taken in accordance with a regulatory program certified under Section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code as exempt from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 2100 et seq.) and with other applicable laws and regulations.

There will be two public hearings to discuss the proposed Basin Plan amendment:

DATES: April 20, 2005
June 15, 2005

TIME: During the Water Board's regular meetings on those dates,
which begin at 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Elihu M. Harris State Building
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OTHER The Basin Plan amendment and supporting staff report will be available online
MATERIALS: March 4, 2005 at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/tomalesbaypathogenstmdl.htm. Hard copies may also be received by contacting:

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The Water Board will receive oral public testimony on the proposed amendment at the April 20, 2005 hearing. Evidence, testimony, and exhibits proposed to be offered at the hearing should be submitted in writing to the Water Board staff contact identified above no later than April 20, the close of the 45-day public comment period, in order to be considered by the Water Board. Copies of general vicinity maps or large, non-technical photographs are not required to be submitted prior to the April hearing. Non-evidentiary policy statements to be made at the April hearing need not be submitted in advance.

At the conclusion of the April public hearing, the Water Board may recommend staff prepare for its consideration at the subsequent hearing changes to the proposed amendment in response to the testimony received. Water Board staff will respond to submitted comments at the June hearing.

The Water Board will not take action until the second hearing on June 15, 2005. Oral public testimony at the June 15 hearing will be limited to comment on changes that may be proposed by the Water Board or its staff to the Basin Plan amendment that are the logical outgrowth of the original proposal. At the conclusion of the June hearing, the Water Board will consider adoption of the proposed amendment, or changes to the proposed amendment that are consistent with the general purpose of the proposed Basin Plan amendment and are a logical outgrowth of the evidence and testimony received.

The public hearings will be conducted in accordance with 23 Cal. Code of Regs. § 649.3. Time limits may be imposed on oral testimony at the public hearing; groups are encouraged to designate a spokesperson. All exhibits presented at the hearing, including charts, graphs, and other testimony must be left with the Water Board as they will become part of the administrative record.

A map and directions to the hearing are available online at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/direction.htm. The location of the hearings are accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Executive Assistant Mary Tryon, (510) 622-2399, mtryon@waterboards.ca.gov at least five (5) working days before a meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

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